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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF SHEFFIELD,
For the Year Ending March 9th.
1885.

The time has come for the annual report of your committee. We have nothing new to offer as to the condition of the schools. Fair progress has been made during the year. The summer sessions as usual were comparatively free from obstacles except such as are usually encountered, but the winter term of many of the schools has been seriously broken by sickness, and especially so in the village, where it was deemed expedient to close for a time, in consequence of diphtheria, and but few of the pupils came back on re-opening.

From past observation and experience in school superintendence, we would not expect very material advance in the standard of our schools, so long as adverse criticism, or covert opposition are encountered, where sympathy and co-operation are indispensable. The most excellent teacher must fail of best possible results, if pupils are encouraged by parents or guardians, in unfavorable comment on the teacher, or condition of the school. Whatever of ability and earnestness a teacher may possess, must be met, on the part of scholars, with a willingness to respond to the effort made in their behalf. Those who are punctual in attendance, careful in deportment, and ready to give their best thoughts to their studies, will under almost any circumstances make good progress, while the best possible system of schools, and the most thoroughly equipped teach-

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er, will fail to make much of those who will not give to the school its proper place in their time and thoughts. And here is where much of the real success of the schools is made to depend upon parents. It is in their power mainly, as it is for their interest, for the well-being of the child, to require punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to awaken a love for the school and its work by inquiry in a friendly rather than a captious spirit, as is too often the case, as to what is going on at school, and the surest way to get facts in this relation is by personal observation.

At the fall meeting of the Committee it was agreed that with the concurrence of the parents of pupils of the High School, the class hours should last continuously from nine until three, with a mid-day recess of twenty minutes, and that the beginning classes be called at nine to be excused at two, while the advanced, report at ten for the remainder of the session. The teacher consequently gives not six hours of almost uninterrupted work in class, instead of five and a half divided into four portions by recesses and the noon hour under the old arrangement. We mention this to correct a misapprehension as to the work that is being done in the High School.

All pupils will hereafter be supplied with necessary books, as required by the provisions of the new act, a copy of which we give below :

Chapter 103.

AN Act to provide for the furnishing of free text books and school supplies to the pupils of the public schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The School Committee of every city and town shall purchase, at the expense of said city or town, text-books and other school supplies used in the public schools; and said text-books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of said public schools free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the School Committee may prescribe.

SECTION 2. Pupils supplied with text books at the time of the passage of this Act shall not be supplied with similar books by the committee until needed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon the first day of August, eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

In accordance with this Act there has been loaned to the pupils of the different schools, 1,523 books (including copy-books) besides the other needed supplies required by law, and the Committee have done their best to have every pupil supplied with pencils, pens, ink, etc.

A teachers institute was held in October, the outcome of which was an additional impulse of zealous effort on the part of teachers and committee for improvement in methods and attendant results. We must refer again to the condition of the school buildings Nos. 2, 7 and 12, they are absolutely unfit for use for school pur-

poses. Something ought to be done at once, and we believe it will be true economy to build new.

The insurance policies having expired January 1st, they have been renewed for five years upon the most favorable terms possible.

The book account with Mr. Bradford is as follows :—

Value of books on hand March 1st, 1884,	\$364 81
Value of books received to August 1st, 1884,	74 11
Cash due Town March 1st, 1884,	117 25—\$556 17
Value of books returned to Committee August 1st, 1884,	\$364 57
Commission on books disposed of at 10 per cent.,	7 43
Value books ordered by committee,	43 25
Express, postage, etc.,	85—\$416 10
Cash balance due Town,	\$140 07

The total number of children in the town between the ages of five and fifteen for the year 1884 as returned by the Assessors was 409. There were 409 children enrolled between 5 and 15. The total number of scholars enrolled in all the schools during the year was 503.

H. T. CANDE,	} School Committee.
FRANK ROYS,	
F. S. GRAY,	

SHEFFIELD, MASS., March 9, 1885.

Miscellaneous School Expenditures.

Paid Joseph Gordon, cleaning school houses—High, Nos. 6, 7 and 9,	\$6 25
C. Rupp, cleaning school house No. 10,	2 00
Amos Clark, cleaning school house No. 12,	2 00
George Fuller, cleaning school house, No. 3,	2 00
Frank Roys, cleaning school house, No. 2,	1 00
N. Johnson, cleaning school house, No. 8,	1 50
M. Freeman, cleaning school house, No. 4,	1 75
S. H. Bushnell, cleaning school house, No. 1,	2 00
A. H. Hoadley, cleaning school house, No. 5,	1 50
Frank Noble, repairs on Nos. 6 and 7,	1 00
Frank Roys, repairs on Nos. 1, 2 and 8.	1 20
F. S. Gray, postage and express,	55
Maurice Massey, janitor High school,	1 00
E. A. Lewis & Co., printing blanks,	24 25
F. S. Gray, freight and express,	2 51

Paid N. Johnson, repairing chimney on No. 8,	\$1 00
E. Y. Foote, printing blanks,	2 05
A. W. Parsons, stoves and castings for Nos. 7 and 8,	19 70
F. S. Gray, postage,	40
H. T. Cande, repairs on blackboards and windows,	4 00
Fred Allen, janitor High school,	3 00
T. C. Wickwire, insurance on <i>all</i> school houses,	159 00
A. P. Stone, building steps to Nos. 6 and 13,	9 50
A. W. Parsons, stove and pipe for No. 2,	10 45
Amos Clark, repairs on No. 12,	1 00
W. H. Little & Co., supplies to schools,	9 55
Frank Roys, work and repairs on No. 2,	4 25
H. W. Crippen, repairing window in High school,	75
F. S. Gray, cash paid for repairs on No. 9,	75
F. S. Gray, telegram,	25
H. T. Cande, repairs on Nos. 4, 9 and High,	4 00
Henry Clark, repairs on No. 10,	2 75
John Mullin, work at wood for No. 13,	5 75
Total,	<u>\$288 66</u>

CASH EXPENDED FOR SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid J. B. Harrison, for books,	\$68 43
C. C. Gerry, for erasers,	10 75
Baker, Pratt & Co., blackboard, slating and globe,	12 50
S. S. Stafford, ink,	5 35
J. B. Harrison, books,	135 01
Arthur Hinds, books,	9 69
J. B. Harrison, books and crayon,	57 68
Arthur Hinds, books,	110 46
Taintor Bros', Merrill & Co., books,	91 62
J. B. Harrison, books,	56 33
Total,	<u>\$557 82</u>

CASH EXPENDED FOR FUEL.

Paid S. H. Bushnell, wood for No. 1,	\$18 00
J. N. Warner, wood for No. 3,	18 00
A. H. Hoadley, wood for No. 5,	15 00
Peter Cassidy, wood for Nos. 6, 13 and High,	90 00
George Kellogg, wood for No. 8 for two years,	34 00
B. N. Clark, wood for No. 9,	18 00
E. M. Holmes, wood for No. 11,	18 00
Amos Clark, wood for No. 12,	18 00
H. W. Sykes & Co., coal for Nos. 2, 4, and 7,	55 06
H. W. Sykes & Co., coal for No. 7,	8 19
A. LeRoy, coal for No. 10,	15 97
A. LeRoy, coal for No. 10,	7 51
Curtiss Brothers, wood for kindling,	12 75
J. N. Parmalee, wood for No. 10,	2 50
Total,	<u>\$330 98</u>

RECAPITULATION.

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Appropriations, Common Schools,	\$2,500 00
Appropriations High School,	700 00
Miscellaneous appropriations,	500 00
State Fund,	229 13
Town Fund,	223 84
Dog Fund,	119 89
Due from P. F. Bradford, to balance account to August 1st, 1884,	140 07
Sale of old books to C. B. Gore,	6 00
Sale of new books to Miss Mary Wright,	1 75
Sale of books for Connecticut scholars,	75
Overdrawn,	111 73
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	\$4,533 16

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Support Common Schools,	\$2,737 70
Support High School,	618 00
Paid for school books,	557 82
Paid miscellaneous bills,	288 66
Paid for fuel in all the schools,	330 98
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	\$4,533 16

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupil who has not been Absent or Tardy for Four Years except once.

CORA CONWAY, No. 1.

Pupils who have been neither Absent nor Tardy for Two Years.

BERTIE CONWAY,	No. 1	MAUD STEVENS,	No. 12
KITTIE L. CUTTING,	No. 10	WILLIE CLARK,	No. 12
MAUD VAN DEUSEN,	No. 10	MARTIN O'CONNELL,	No. 13
ANNIE CLARK,	No. 12		

Pupils who have been neither Absent nor Tardy for One Year.

WILLIE CONWAY,	No. 1	WILLIE HUGGINS,	No. 12
CARRIE HUBBARD,	No. 8	CLARENCE STEVENS,	No. 12
LIBBIE BOARDMAN,	No. 11	CHARLES STEVENS,	No. 12
LIZZIE HUGGINS,	No. 12		

FOR TWO TERMS.

Willie Fitzgerald,	No. 1	Willie O'Connell,	No. 6
Arthur Love,	No. 1	Harry Gray,	No. 6
Angeline Belcher,	No. 1	Willie Woodbeck,	No. 9
Maud Comstock,	No. 1	Wallace Wright,	No. 9
Julia Fitzgerald,	No. 1	Frank Guartha,	No. 9
May Belcher,	No. 1	Clara Canfield,	No. 10
Louise Moore,	No. 1	Walter Van Deusen,	No. 10
Asa Webster,	No. 3	Charlie Ferris,	No. 10
Eddie Malia,	No. 3	Bertie Hall,	No. 10
Arthur Fuller,	No. 3	Lulu Ryder,	No. 10
Jason Gordon,	No. 4	Bertie Boardman,	No. 11
Willie Dunchbar,	No. 4	Eddie Stanton,	No. 12
Johnny Piper,	No. 6	Frank Stanton,	No. 12

FOR ONE TERM.

Johnny Moore,	No. 1	Carrie Lee,	No. 2
Zacheus Cande,	No. 3	Mamie Morrison,	No. 2
Michael Malia,	No. 3	May Burk,	No. 2
Harry Dutcher,	No. 3	Wallace Balch,	No. 2
Willie Higgins,	No. 3	Lizzie Cassidy,	No. 2
Eddy Fuller,	No. 3	Etta Cassidy,	No. 2
May Shears,	No. 4	Mary Scott,	No. 2
Ida Dunchbar,	No. 4	Harry Scott,	No. 2
Jennie Dunchbar,	No. 4	Ethel Hartwell,	No. 10
Frank Wright,	No. 6	Mabel Hurlburt,	No. 10
Eddie Andrus,	No. 6	Frank Moore,	No. 10
Annie Devine,	No. 6	Clifford Ryder,	No. 10
Alice Wickwire,	No. 6	Mattie Sackett,	No. 10
Katie Carey,	No. 7	John Scoville,	No. 10
Eddie Haskins,	No. 7	Milton Merrifield,	No. 12
James Dailey,	No. 7	Theron O'Brien,	No. 12
Carrie Huggins,	No. 7	Jennie O'Brien,	No. 12
Mattie Malally,	No. 8	Nellie Doty,	No. 12
Frank Ryder,	No. 8	Vergie Doty,	No. 12
Frank Rock,	No. 9	Josie Stanton,	No. 12
Richard Lawrence,	No. 9	Mary Shalley,	No. 12
Michael Burns,	No. 9	Kate Shalley,	No. 12
Katie Benton,	No. 10	Maurice Burk,	No. 13
Thomas Massey,	No. 13	Millicent Rudge,	No. 13
Michael O'Neil,	No. 13	Fannie Rudge,	No. 13
Annie Andrus,	No. 13	Martin Hallian,	No. 13
Edith Vosburgh,	No. 13	May Conway,	No. 13
Wlen Ford,	No. 13	Katie Mullin,	No. 13
Charlie Wright,	No. 13	Maggie Massie,	No. 13
Jenny Cosgriff,	No. 13	Angeline Massie,	No. 13

Hereafter the Roll of Honor will include only those scholars who have been neither absent or tardy for two terms or more during the year.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF THE
TOWN OF SHEFFIELD FOR 1884 and 1885.

Schools.	Term.	Teacher's Names.	FOR TERM.				FOR YEAR.								Wages for term.	Wages for year.
			No. of weeks.	Wages per week.	No. scholars enrolled.	Average membership.	Average Attendance.	Whole number enrolled	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Between 5 and 15 years.	Between 8 and 14 years.	Average membership.	Average attendance.		
High	1 2 3	W.W. Abbott	10 12 14	15.00 18.00 18.00	20 32 37	20 32 34	18 32 28	37	0	24	18	11	29	25	150.00 216.00 252.00	618.00
No. 1	1 2 3	Sara Manvel	10 12 11	6.50 6.50 6.50	30 31 28	27 27 26	26 24 20	32	0	1	29	20	28	24	65.00 78.00 71.50	214.50
No. 2	1 2 3	Eloise Noble	10 12 11	5.50 5.50 5.50	18 17 14	16 14 11	13 13 8	22	0	1	21	17	13	11	55.00 66.00 60.50	181.50
No. 3	1 2 3	Burt Bacon Frank Roys Frank Lee	10 12 11	7.00 7.00 7.00	31 33 42	29 31 33	26 22 26	41	0	7	34	24	31	24	70.00 84.00 77.00	231.00
No. 4	1 2 3	E. Angevine C. L. Wilcox	10 12 11	6.50 6.50 6.50	28 24 30	27 23 28	23 19 22	31	0	4	27	22	25	21	63.70 78.00 71.50	213.20
No. 5	1 2 3	E Andrus	10 12 11	5.50 5.50 5.50	10 12 12	9 8 10	7 7 6	16	0	2	14	10	8	7	55.00 66.00 60.50	181.50
No. 6	1 2 3	A H Hoadley Burt Bacon Hattie Taft	10 12 11	7.50 7.50 7.50	37 38 44	36 31 25	31 27 19	51	0	8	44	38	31	26	75.00 90.00 82.50	247.50
No. 7	1 2 3	Hattie Taft Grace Curtis	10 12 11	7.00 7.00 6.50	25 28 32	24 26 27	21 21 16	34	1	2	16	12	27	16	70.00 84.00 71.50	225.50
No. 8	1 2 3	J. McGrath Mary Devine	10 12 11	5.00 5.00 5.50	14 13 23	11 12 19	10 11 16	24	3	5	16	12	14	12	50.00 60.00 60.50	170.50
No. 9	1 2 3	EMcCormick Cora Chapin	10 12 11	6.50 6.50 6.50	37 36 41	32 31 27	26 27 22	49	0	5	44	28	30	25	65.00 78.00 71.50	214.50
No. 10	1 2 3	Mrs. H. Clark	10 12 11	7.50 7.50 7.50	48 45 47	39 33 38	37 30 32	62	1	10	51	33	37	33	75.00 90.00 82.50	247.50
No. 11	1 2 3	C. L. Wilcox Eloise Noble	10 12 11	5.50 5.50 5.50	18 15 17	13 13 12	11 10 9	22	1	1	20	12	12	10	50.00 60.00 60.50	170.50
No. 12	1 2 3	M. Hubbell G. A. Hall	10 12 11	6.50 6.50 6.50	29 31 32	29 27 30	27 27 23	38	1	1	20	12	12	10	50.00 60.00 60.50	170.50
* No. 13	1 2 3	Grace Cande	10 12 11	6.50 6.50 6.50	28 29 40	21 25 25	26 20 17	38	1	1	20	12	12	10	50.00 60.00 60.50	170.50

Total,

* The School heretofore known as Primary

Mr.	No.
Frank Ry-	No. 1
Frank Rock,	No. 1
Richard Lawrence,	No. 1
Michael Burns,	No. 1
Katie Benton,	No. 1
Thomas Massey,	No. 1
Michael O'Neil,	No. 1
Annie Andrus,	No. 1
Edith Vosburgh,	No. 1
Ellen Ford,	No. 1
Charlie Wright,	No. 1
Jenny Cosgriff,	No. 1

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